

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-33 are pending. Claims 1-18, 20-21, 24 and 26 have been amended; new claims 31-33 have been added. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests examination and an action on the merits.

The specification has been amended to include an indication of the priority claim.

Claims 1-18 have been amended to be in proper "method" claim format. Claims 3-7, 11, 17-18, 21 and 24 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies therein. Claims 1, 7 and 16 have been amended to employ proper Markush language in describing the groups of inventive elements recited therein. Claims 2 and 7 have been amended to eliminate parentheticals indicating examples therein. Claims 20 and 21 have been amended to refer properly to the "delivery system" of claim 19. Finally, claim 26 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error therein with respect to the term "interaction."

New claims 31-33 are substantively identical to original claims 24-26; however, claims 31-33 depend from claim 23, while claims 24-26 depend from claim 22. New claims 31-33 were added to eliminate the multiple dependency in claim 24 as originally filed.

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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